**LOW COST SPACES FOR INTERACTION**

**Areas of Interaction**

1. **Joint desk-based analysis**
   1. Joint peer-review publications using existing data
   2. A joint paper clarifying adoption: reach, use, adoption, disadoption, persistence, extent of use. Technical and practical guideline on these issues
   3. Joint review and synthesis papers: identify a coordinator from each group
   4. Utilize special issues of *Systems Research* *focused* journals
   5. ASK: As group to send title suggestions by email before departure
   6. **Shared research personnel especially at a post-doctoral level tasked to carry out the analysis {boots on the ground}**
   7. **Running joint symposiums at upcoming conferences - …agronomy symposium in October 2018**
2. **Joint communications products to policy (**how practical**?)**
   1. Overcome issues of attribution
   2. Joint drafting of policy messages and synthesis
   3. Joint policy workshops
   4. Pool resources for a communications expertise (high transaction costs)…communications coordinator…????...Branding issue
   5. Use local country based communications person
   6. Linking of communications efforts
   7. Jointly branded policy brief (s)
3. **How to show that the two programs are interacting by inviting the other programs**
   1. Workshops
   2. Trainings
   3. Combine annual and planning meetings to (annual). To workshops happen simultaneously???
      1. Coordinate these
      2. Strategic planning meeting based on common topics
   4. The suggested bottom up multi-donor platform should help with this e.g. online portal that provides project travel plans
   5. Joint symposia at conferences
   6. Joint project review meetings
   7. Third party sponsorship of joint workshops
   8. Write shops are preferred (synthesis papers, grant making)
4. **Joint (Coordinated) field activities**
   1. Joint field days
      1. If projects add value to existing research sites instead of starting over
      2. Measure variables in existing sites
      3. Joint design of multi-locational activities
   2. Sharing field sites
   3. Sharing data collection
   4. Joint field visits
   5. Avoid field site overlaps
   6. Consider having a linkage coordinator/facilitator – at the science level to push joint products.
5. **Stocktaking and analysis of various of various R4D platforms to identify the best models**
   1. This includes innovations platforms in SIMLESA
6. **Use existing national forums for sustainable intensification (DFID supported)**
   1. Use these for results sharing e.g. SAIRLA
   2. Test scaling modalities
7. **Reducing transactions costs: Carry out cost-benefit analysis of proposed and completed joint activities**
   1. Higher benefits can justify more costs
   2. Unrealistic to expect low transactions costs
   3. Focus on benefit-cost comparison
   4. Third party sponsorship
   5. Self-sponsorship to joint activities using current budgets
   6. Joint resource mobilization
   7. Avoid overlapping activities, make those joint activities
   8. Having 2 synthesis workshops {joint-learning event} in the next 15 months with a focused product/goal/theme in mind.
   9. Joint technology park featuring different interventions from AR, SIIL and SIMLESA

* **Look at the strengths of each program**
  + SIMLESA: data, modelling
  + AR: data, modelling
  + SIIL: data
  + Partnerships as evidenced in the different programs